

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David G. Posz (Reg. No. 37,701) on February 1, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows: In claim 2, Line 2, the term "driver" has been changed to -- driver's seat --.

In claim 4, Line 2, the term "driver" has been changed to -- driver's seat --.

In claim 6, Line 2, the term "driver" has been changed to -- driver's seat --.

In claim 7, Line 2, the term "driver" has been changed to -- driver's seat --.

In addition the following change is required for clarity and consistency: In claim 2, Line <sup>14</sup>~~13~~, the term "driver" has been changed to -- driver's seat --. *KW 3/2/07*

In claim 4, Line 14, the term "driver" has been changed to -- driver's seat --.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 2-7 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not disclose a knee-protecting airbag device located below a steering column in front of a driver and, at a lower side of a key cylinder into which an ignition key with accessories is inserted, wherein the airbag further comprises a reinforcing cloth is